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1. At 10 a.m. on 30 March 1953, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained on 2 boxcars and an undetermined number of trucks

 carrying billeting equipment were loaded on an undetermined number of flatcars at the eastern railroad station in Naumburg. Four trucks carrying billeting equipment, 2 kitchen trucks, 1 radio truck and jeep were seen ready for departure in the barracks yard of the Hindenburg Kaserne since 28 March. ¹ On 29 March, source determined that the installation in Bad Koesen was disbanded. Most of the low buildings had already been removed. ²

2. From 20 to 28 March, four trains with engineers and pontoons were unloaded in Dessau, coming from the direction of Bitterfeld. On 29 March, one train with engineers and pontoons was unloaded at the Wittenberg railroad station, coming from the direction of Falkenberg. ³ On 29 March, an AAA unit was loaded at the Justerbog railroad station. Motor vehicle were identified. ⁴

3. At 5:30 on 25 March, a train which had no locomotive and included 8 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 to 12 trucks including and 8 AA guns which, source believed, were 76-mm was seen in Cottbus. ⁵

4. At 9 p.m. on 25 March, 10 heavy-type flatcars carrying JS-1 tanks Nos 211, 217 and 222; 1 salvage tank; and 12 trucks

and 6 boxcars carrying about 120 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets, billeting equipment, boxes and barrels were unloaded in Weisswasser, coming from the direction of Cottbus. The unit left for Nochten.

5. On 17 and 18 March, a column consisting of 30 trucks 16 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 field kitchens, ammunition trucks, about 40 officers and about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Weisswasser troop training grounds toward Spremberg upon the completion of

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a firing practice with live ammunition. On 10 March, 4 T-34 tanks [redacted] 1 truck, 1 jeep and about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the Weisswasser railroad station, coming from the direction of Spremberg, and, subsequently, went to the troop training grounds. On 23 March, 17 officers and about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full pack were unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station, coming from the direction of Spremberg, and went to the troop training grounds. On and after 12 March, the earht bunkers near the rifle range were occupied to capacity by about 150 soldiers and a field kitchen. It was rumored that from 11 to 26 March, more than 30 tanks entered the camp, coming from Uhyst, and, on 23 March, Camp Bocksberg was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers. From 13 to 23 March, trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and T-34 tank No 79 were seen in the area of the troop training grounds.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Possibly advance details which moved to a troop training grounds. The [redacted] which belong to the area of the Eighth Gds Army allow no further conclusions.

2. [redacted] Comment. The engineer training grounds was reported unoccupied on 23 January by the same source.

3. [redacted] Comment. The directions from which the shipments came tend to indicate that the units seen in Dessau probably were engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army and those seen in Wittenberg were engineer units of the 9th Mecz Div.

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a unit of the 62d AAA Div (US) which, on trains [redacted] probably went to Wustrow.

5. [redacted] Comment. Two other sources stated that this train of the 9th Mecz Div went to Jueterbog and carried 37-mm AA guns. [redacted]

6. [redacted] Comment. Source of paragraph 4 repeatedly reported that the Weisswasser Troop training grounds was heavily occupied. [redacted]

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